

INDIANA OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Jacob Schpok, Executive Director

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Jennifer M. Kane Paralegal NRC, Division of Hearings Indiana Government Center - North 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200

Dear Ms. Kane,

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship ("OSBE") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 13-446 proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission (NRC). The proposed rule adds 312 IAC 26-6 to establish and administer the distribution of grants from the Indiana Sportsmen's Benevolence Account established by IC 14-9-5-4(b).

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC indicates the total estimated economic impact on each Indiana wildlife food product processors should be positive in the overall annual estimation. Each processor will be supplied with a predetermined amount of monetary reimbursement for each deer processed under this proposed rule (traditionally \$50.00 to \$60.00 per deer). OSBE does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232.5679 or ombudsman@osbe.in.gov.

Regards,

Jacob Schpok